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From: Paula Maccabee

Sent: Thur 3/19/2015 6:54:17 PM

Subject: Re: followup from voicemail to peter swenson

Barbara:

Let me clarify my question: Has EPA suggested at any point that Minnesota's listing of wild rice impaired waters should wait until rulemaking has been done on designating wild rice waters? If so, it would helpful to have a copy of any document from EPA recommending this delay in proceeding with impaired waters listing.

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hi paula -

it is not epa's practice to comment on pending state legislation.

epa is aware of the ongoing legislative process regarding the sulfate water quality criterion and that this process may have implications for the standard and its implementation.

we will be monitoring implementation of any new law(s) to ensure that federal program requirements continue to be met. barbara

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Hi, Barbara, Peter:

I was calling with reference to section 1(a)(2) of the attached legislation proposed in Minnesota.

We have received information from EPA related to rulemaking standards and what is required under the Clean Water Act, but this is the first discussion of suspending the impaired waters listing process pending a future rulemaking process.

Best regards,

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From: <Wester>, Barbara Wester <wester.barbara@epa.gov>

Date: Wednesday, March 18, 2015 12:28 PM

To: Paula Maccabee pmaccabee@justchangelaw.com>

Cc: "Swenson, Peter" < <u>swenson.peter@epa.gov</u>> **Subject:** followup from voicemail to peter swenson

hi paula - i'm following up on your voicemail message to peter swenson of yesterday regarding impaired waters and wild rice.

if you could let us know what specifically you are looking for, beyond what has already been provided, we will do our best to provide you with the information that you are seeking. barbara

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